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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Yuji TOCHIO, et al.

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For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD OF OPTICAL SIGNAL EXCHANGER

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on March 11, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.